

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 4 as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 10/403,057, filed April 1, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,709,122, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/808,942, filed March 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,561,633, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 as follows:

It is preferable that light sources 100 be smaller in size, higher in emission efficiency, and lower in the amount of heat generated. These light sources can consist of, for example, either an arrangement of light-emitting diodes (LEDs) 100 (100a, 100b) as shown in Fig. 2, an arrangement of multiple cold cathode tube or hot cathode tube fluorescent lamps, an arrangement of light-emitting diodes (LEDs), or an arrangement of linear light-emitting portions that use LEDs and bar-shaped light-guiding means as shown in other figures. Embodiment 1 uses four cold cathode tube fluorescent lamps 2.6 mm in tube diameter, and these lamps are arranged at pitches of 61.4 mm. If a color LCD panel is used as the display panel, the maximum emission wavelength of each light source should be matched to the transmission spectrum of the color filter in the corresponding LCD panel. Light source 100 is connected to a power supply and a control means (not shown), and the lighting and blinking of the lighting unit are controlled by the power supply and the control means. To use cold cathode tube fluorescent lamps, an inverter should be inserted between the DC power supply and the light source.